

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSHUA DARRELL LOWE,

Defendant.

**INDICTMENT**

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The Grand Jury charges:

**False Information and Hoaxes**

On or about January 22, 2024, in Muskegon County, in the Western District of Michigan, Southern Division,

**JOSHUA DARRELL LOWE**

intentionally conveyed false and misleading information, that is, that there might be a bomb on a cruise ship, under such circumstances where such information may reasonably have been believed, that indicated that an activity was taking and would take place, that would constitute a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 40 (Explosive Materials), specifically, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(i) (malicious damage or destruction by means of explosives); and Chapter 113B (Terrorism), specifically, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2332f(a)(1) (bombings of places of public use).

Specifically, the defendant sent an e-mail to Carnival Cruise Lines stating, “Hey, I think someone might have a bomb on your sunrise cruise ship” after the Carnival Sunrise cruise ship departed from Miami, Florida with a full complement of passengers and crew. As a result of the false and misleading information, a full ship search was conducted (including visually checking

more than a thousand guest cabins), and the ship was escorted into its next port of call by the Jamaican Marine Police.

18 U.S.C. § 1038(a)(1)  
18 U.S.C. § 1038(a)(1)(A)

A TRUE BILL

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